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FOR SALE.

Genuine BREAKFAST CLARET, in Draught at \$1 per Gallon, Every day.

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Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

THE Undersigned beg to inform the

Public of Hongkong that he has just

received by Steamers *Atholl* and *Cassandra*,

one of the best selections of BRANDY and

FRENCH WINES, such as Chateau Lafite,

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and quarts, &c.

BRANDY.—Robin French, blue, red and

white caps.

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A List of Prices can be obtained on

application.

C. L. THEVENIN,

44, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, August 18, 1877.

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A to K, with Introduction Royal Svo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZEL, Ph.D.

Tübingen.

Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD

& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs

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Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

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For Sale.

SEEDS.

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FOR SALE.

A PAIR of Condensing ENGINES and BOILER; Cylinders 11 x 7, Shafting and Propeller Complete.

Two Pairs of LAUNCH ENGINES, with Shafting and Propellers Complete, Cylinder 5 x 6; being nearly alike would be suitable for Twin Screws.

One Small Single ENGINE and BOILER with Shafting and Propeller, suitable for a Gig.

The above may be seen on the premises of the Undersigned, and will be Sold Cheap.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

sel

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell at Low PRICES a Small Invoice of LADIES' JEWELRY, WATCHES, &c.—Inspection is invited.

Hongkong, August 10, 1877.

sel

SAYLE & Co. SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE.

ON and after MONDAY, August 13th, We shall offer the remaining portion of our SUMMER STOCK at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

A few pieces of SOILED SILKS MARKED, less than Linning Prices, 20 Cents per Yard.

A nice Assortment of NEW FANCY DRESS SILKS, at 75 Cents per Yard.

Japanese POELINS, at 25 Cents per Yard.

New White WASHING DRESS GOODS, 15 Cents, worth double.

New Colour PLAIN ORGANI MUSLINS, 25 Cents per Yard.

Figured and Striped MUSLINS, Slightly Soiled—were 45 Cents, will be Sold at 15 Cents per Yard.

White Striped MUSLINS, Slightly Soiled—were 45 Cents, will be Sold at 15 Cents per Yard.

French Printed CAMBRICS, Hollands and Dress Lawns much reduced.

French Striped GRENADES at about Half Price.

We shall include in this Extraordinary Sale a few pieces of AUTUMN DRESS GOODS at a proportionate reduction.

WASHING COSTUMES, ready-made, from \$2.00.

Richly Embroidered HOLLAND and other COSTUMES, from \$3.00.

A part of our Stock of Baby-Linen and Ladies' UNDERCLOTHING will be very much reduced.

BOYS SUITS at about Half Price.

100 Doz. Ladies' Hem-stitched HAND-KERCHIEFS, some Slightly Soiled worth buying.

Linen COLLARS and CUFFS, FICHUS, &c., must be cleared.

A Lot of Ladies' Soiled KID BOOTS, will be Sold at \$1.00 per Pair.

Several Thousand Yards of ODDS and ENDs, and various useful Remnants at Half usual Price.

A Lot of various Colours and Sorts of SILK and other TRIMMINGS at a quarter of original price.

Twenty-five Dozen of Ladies' SILK UMBRELLAS, at \$2.00 each.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY

will be carried on as usual.

Much disappointment to many intending Buyers was caused through the closing of last Summer's Sale without published notice.

We now beg to notify—this Sale will positively Close on September 1st, 1877.

SAYLE & Co.

Victoria Exchange, and Stanley Street, Hongkong.

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FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s

Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to

SIRMESSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1877.

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CHAMPAGNE 1874,

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MONOPOLE.

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FOR SALE.

BERLIN TIVOLI BEER, in Cases of

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A SMALL Twin Screw STEAM LAUNCH, 38 Feet Long, Built by

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Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

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To Let.

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NOS. 4, and 5, PECHILI TERRACE, ELGIN
STREET.
Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

To Let.

THE Dwelling House and Offices No. 1,
D'Argyl Street, lately in the occupation
of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
The Dwelling House No. 10, Gough Street.
The Dwelling House No. 6, Gough Street.
Possession from 1st September next.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, lately
occupied by the Rev. R. H. King.
"Elance Villa," Pok-foo-lum, Furnished.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, July 21, 1877.

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Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN STEAMER HESPERIA,
JOHANNSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG
via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored
at their risk in the Godowns of the
Undersigned, from whence delivery may be
obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of
their Goods from the Boats alongside the
Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 26th
Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary is given before 10
o'clock To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA.
The Steamship
"MACKAN"
will be despatched for the
above Port on MONDAY, the
27th Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. MACC. HEATON,
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per Steamship
"BELGIC," from San Francisco, &c.,
are hereby requested to send in their Bills
of Lading for counter-signature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer
will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

In Order to avoid a wrong interpretation
of my letter to Mr BRENTON with re-
ference to the case pending between Messrs
HESSE & Co. and myself, I herewith declare
that I mentioned the names of Messrs
SANDER & Co. and Messrs MEYER & Co.
not with the intention to insinuate that the
Tickets used by said Firms are Counterfeits
of any other Label.

The interpretation of that part of my
letter is simply that I have always been
under the impression that the sort of Tickets
used by said Firms as well as by Messrs
HESSE & Co. and myself was an open Trade
Mark, under which any one could import
the Aniline Dye in question.

I may add that I have since been informed
by Messrs SANDER & Co. that the Trade
Mark stamped on their Tickets is registered
in Germany since about six years.

C. F. GROSSMANN.
Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

A. AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

and to
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,

HAS hand the Largest and Best
collection of Views of China, Photographic
Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of
assorted sizes. E. S. S. TIGRE, Revolving
Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms
and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather,
Velvet and carved wood Albums, Cases and
Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits
only, Portraits of the Generals of the
present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors
in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes,
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, at their Sale Room,
Praya Central, on

MONDAY,
the 27th August, 1877, at Noon,—
The Steam Launch

"PANDORA,"

LENGTH, 35 Feet.
TWIN SCREWS.

TUBULAR BOILERS.

TWO ENGINES, with a separate DONKEY
ENGINE for Feeding Boiler.

AWNINGS, &c., &c.

The above can be seen alongside the
British Barque *Nimrod*, or on the Day
of the Sale at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s
Wharf from 10 to 12 o'clock.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7. 1. 7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

12. ARRIVALS.

Aug. 24, U.S.S. Ranger, 600, Guns 4,
Horse Power 600 Nominal, H. D. Manley,
U.S.N., New York April 21, via Suez
Canal, Gibralta, Malta, Port Said, Suez,
Aden, Gaile, and Singapore, Aug. 18.

Aug. 24, *Pernambuco*, British steamer,
649, Wm. Hyde, Swatow, Aug. 23, Sugar.
—MELCHERS & Co.

Aug. 24, *Namoo*, British steamer, 862,
Punchard, Foochow Aug. 21, Amoy 22,
and Swatow 23, General.—DOUGLAS LA-
PRAIK & Co.

Aug. 24, *Thengwalla*, Danish steamer,
1577, H. P. Molson, Foochow Aug. 22,
Tea.—LANDSTEIN & Co.

Aug. 24, *Samos*, American schooner, from
Whampoa.

Aug. 24, *Christian*, German schooner,
from Whampoa.

Aug. 24, *Holywood*, British steamer, 838,
McVicar, Haiphong and Hohow Aug. 23,
General.—BUREAU & Co.

Aug. 24, *Belgic*, British steamer, 2652,
Metcalfe, San Francisco July 27, and Yoko-
hama Aug. 17, General.—O. & O. S. Co.

13. DEPARTURES.

Aug. 24, *Florence Bay*, for Fellew Islands.
24, *Polynesia*, for London.

24, *Intern Abbey*, for Bangkok.

24, *Baledi*, for Foochow.

24, *Caribrook*, for Singapore.

24, *Morning Star*, for Chefoo.

24, *Deutschland*, for Nuchwang.

24, *Cleared*.

Friedrich, for Chefoo.

Maria, for Haiphong.

Fenzhou, for Guam.

James S. Stone, for Nagasaki.

Balavia, for Nuchwang.

Caldew, for Melbourne.

Kring Thep, for Chefoo.

E. von Bechtel, for London.

Thengwalla, for London.

14. PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

Pet. *Pernambuco*, from Swatow, Mr Wm.
Henry, and 3 Chinese.

Pet. *Namoo*, from East Coast, Messrs

Gatton, Katz and Detreux, Captain and

Miss Lund, and 140 Chinese.

Pet. *Holywood*, from Haiphong and Ho.

Left.

SCINDIA, British ship, Capt. Lightbody.

Russell & Co.

FORMONA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt.
C. Schiweir.—Melchers & Co.

SARACEN, British ship, Captain Le

Beauf.

ULLIOU, British barque, Captain A. P.

Goodwin.—Borneo Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American 3-m. schooner,
Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Douglas Lapraik
& Co.

ASSEMBLY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Left.

15. GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SUNDAY, August 26.—

Goods per *Hesperia* undelivered at this

date subject to rent.

MONDAY, August 27.—

Noon.—*Mackan* leaves for Manilla.

Noon.—Sale of Steam-launch *Pandora*,

at Lane, Crawford's, Praya Central.

TUESDAY, August 28.—

Noon.—*Namoo* leaves for Coast Ports.

Goods per *Tigre* undelivered after Noon,

subject to rent and landing charges.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c.,

at No. 2, College Gardens.

THURSDAY, August 30.—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-

hama and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, August 31.—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs

Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, September 8.—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s

Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San

Francisco.

TUESDAY, September 11.—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the

China Traders' Insurance Co., Limited,

at the Head Office, Hongkong.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports

of Call and Europe.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at

No. 45, Wyndham Street.

Meeting.

3 p.m.—Meeting of City Hall Share-

holders at St. Andrew's Hall.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES,

complainant was replacing the first drawer, the 1st defendant managed to abstract two pieces and put them under his sleeves. The complainant seized him, and the 2nd defendant took the opportunity to run away, but was caught by a shopman next door. The 3rd defendant was seen outside the door looking on while the 1st and 2nd were bargaining inside, but as there was no suspicion of him then, he was allowed to go away. He was subsequently arrested however by P. O. Campbell from information he received. It appeared that a hawker of cigars and fruits on board the *Kiu Kiang* had known the 3rd defendant and observed him in the company of the 1st and 2nd defendants throughout the day, having followed them from place to place. They were sent to four months' hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks for two hours at the Cross Roads at the expiration of their sentence.

China.
FOUCHOW.

(Herald, Aug. 16th.)

A few days ago, while some Chinese workmen were excavating on the site of the Rev. Mr. Wolfe's new bungalow, they came across a series of vaults of solid construction, in one of which was discovered a skeleton, some ancient urns, and a collection of very old *cash*.

All accounts concur in pronouncing the late gale to have been one of the most severe—short of a cyclone—ever experienced on the China coast. At the Pescadores, where number of vessels found refuge, the barometer was, we hear, as low at one time as 29.19. Very few casualties, however, are reported.

Ting Futa's salary is, we hear, to be augmented by an allowance of Tls. 1,500 per mensem during the period of His Excellency's visit to Formosa. Formerly, expenses—incidental to a gubernatorial tour were levied by the great man himself—with a liberal surplus to boot; but now, the glory of Cathay is departing, and Ting—all honour to him!—prefers a recognised allowance to arbitrary squeezes.

The Chinese Customs Revenue cruiser *Fai Hoo* arrived in port on Saturday last, having left Amoy on the 1st instant. After leaving that port the *Fai Hoo* encountered very bad weather—compelling her, we understand, to anchor at the Pescadores until the 9th instant. While at that place, we hear that several cases of cholera occurred on board, one of which terminated fatally in about twelve hours, but we are glad to learn that no further cases have been reported.

A robbery of an unusual character was committed between Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning last. A desperate box, with the owner's name in large letters on the front, was removed from a table in the office of a foreign resident. The thief must have been surprised and greatly disappointed to find that his plunder contained nothing of value to any one else than the legitimate owner except three or four sovereigns—the rest of the contents consisting of private letters and papers, of considerable importance to the loser, but of absolutely no value to the thief. No trace of the box has yet been found.

CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

FATHER IGNATIUS AT LLANTHONY. Perched on a sloping ridge one of the Black Mountains of Monmouthshire, twelve miles from Abbergavenny, the nearest post-town, and three miles above the ruins of Llanthony Priory, supposed to have been founded by St. David, are a couple of buildings, unimposing to a stranger's eye, but interesting from the fact that the barn-like tenement is the home, and the stone church the shrine, of the Protestant monks of the Papist Order of St. Benedict.

Winding, steep, and picturesque is the pathway through these hills; it is rarely trodden, for save a few unprofitable-looking farmsteads, no human habitation cheers the landscape for miles. Leaving the ruins in the valley to the right, the way becomes steeper and still more rugged, shelving rapidly down to a shallow trout-stream which can be heard gurgling and dancing a hundred feet below. Up three miles of incline, the road meandering through the spurs of lofty cloudbreaked hills, the traveller will at last perceive two lonely edifices on the left. The larger, built of white stone, is decorated according to modern notions of ecclesiastical propriety; the smaller consists of two stories, and does duty for the monastery over whose inhabitants Father Ignatius as Abbott.

A bull-terrier of doubtful temper is crouching in front of the door. You make advance towards her, but she evidently is not partial to nineteenth-century costume, and seems impudent to test its quality with her teeth. Luckily, however, her growls bring some one to the door, which is presently opened by an individual in monk's dress, but with a rich black beard flowing down his chest. Just a symptom of interest in the world escaped him in a glance of surprise at the sight of a stranger, and the stalwart brother is again as imperturbable as becomes every well-conducted Benedictine.

You wish to see the Reverend Father? He is engaged just at present in the church; You may wait here or join in the service; the church-door is open."

A dozen yards separate the two houses. Inside the sacred one the sweet voices of some half dozen young boys are raised in praise; the air is fragrant with incense, and the altar is ablaze with the glare of wax-lights and the glamour of gold. Presently the service concludes with a benediction; the acolytes file out; the monks, save one who remains in prayer before the altar, silently follow; and Father Ignatius, accoutred in costly and glittering vestments, is willing to receive the unbidden guest. Suave, dignified, impressive, this nineteenth-century monk recalls none of the impression of portly, stout, and well-fed robustness of romance. Of medium height and slender build, the Abbott of Llanthony appears at once what he is—the enthusiast and the ascetic. The face finely chiselled, the mouth is firm, the forehead is broad and high, and the eyes are bright and winning. A strange and subtle fascination seems to emanate from him, a fascination to which both gentle and simple are subject. The stranger is attracted less by the sparkling intelligence of his eyes than by the surpassing mellowness of his voice.

"I shall be happy to give you any information about our monastery that you require; answer to a few introductory words—but excuse me for a few minutes until I have changed my vestments."

Following the individual with the black beard, you wade through a swamp of mud for the rain falls almost every day in the Black Mountains—and enter a humble cottage consisting of one apartment paved with stones. Close to a stony fire the visitor is invited to rest. In a few minutes the Abbot appears, no longer rich in embroidered apparel and gold, but clad in the dark orthodox dress gathered round the waist by a cord, sandals on his feet, and his crown worn off all but a slight circular fringe of black hair. "You must be hungry, my friend," said your side, is his remark on entering. "We are not in the habit of receiving visitors, our church has been completed; and the magnificent altar-piece, of Belgian and Irish marbles, has at a considerable cost been dragged up these hills and erected where you have seen it. At the present moment another cloister is being built to contain new cells. The expense of these additions is being borne by some charitable persons in the metropolis."

In reply to a question as to whether many candidates for monasteries present themselves, Father Ignatius observes:

"In the course of the year I have many applications from men of all classes in life. I never encourage any one to become a monk; I rather throw difficulties in his way; for since our experience at Norwich, I have ceased to actively advocate the advantages of the life we lead. As we are dead to the world, so must those who desire to join us see us out. When a novice first enters the monastery, we do our best to distract him. He is employed in the most menial offices. He must scrub and scour the doors, wash the feet of the brethren, and generally become a domestic drudge. At the end of six months he is free to leave us. Most novices do so, weary of the work and worn out by vigils and fasting. If, however, the applicant still wishes to become a monk, he enters a second novitiate of twelve months, during which period his mental duties are lightened. At the expiration of the year he is free to return to the world; but if he still continues firm in his resolution, he enters into a third period of twelve months, after which he is asked for the last time if he is determined to live for 'Jesus only.' If he is resolute, he formally takes the three vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity. He lies down upon a bare stretcher on the ground, and, covered with a pall, hears the funeral service read over his body. This ceremony concluded, he is dead to the world, and is then led to the altar and goes through the marriage service by which he is wedded to Christ for ever. If, continues Father Ignatius, in the most solemn and impressive tone, 'if a monk so wedded to the Saviour should attempt to divorce himself from that holy union or in any way violate his vow, he knows there is no mercy for him either in earth or in heaven. He is as certain as I am that his soul will be damned for all eternity.'

The duties of the day at Llanthony Monastery commence at two A.M., when a monk, carrying an enormous wax-candle, enters the cells and dormitories of his slumbering brethren, and summons them to Nocturns with the words 'Benedicamus Domino.'

The answer 'Deo gratias' is given by every drowsy Benedictine, who proceeds at once to the church, where the service, consisting of psalms, antiphons, lessons of Scripture, and collects, is immediately commenced. These devotions last until half-past three or four, when Lauds are celebrated. The service concludes with hymn of which the following is a happy specimen:

"Our limbs, refreshed with slumber now,
And sick cast off, in prayer we bow;
O Father, be Thou present here!"

About four the brothers retire to rest, until the bell calls them at half-past five to the labours of the day, which are ushered in by Prime, sung at six o'clock. Prime, or the first day-hour, consists of three psalms, a hymn, and various prayers, which are no sooner concluded than the monks proceed to their cells, wash, make their beds, and subsequently betake themselves to 'meditation,' which is regarded as a discipline for the mind at once wholesome and invigorating. At a quarter before eight the bell rings, and Terce, which lasts about ten minutes, is said, and immediately afterwards the communion service is as a rule celebrated by the Abbot. At nine breakfast is served to those who absolutely need refreshment; for the Benedictine rule makes no provision for hungry monks before the noonday meal. Between this hour and Sext, which occurs at twelve, any work that has to be done is performed; and at 12.30 the *cellerarius* serves dinner, which consists of a small portion of meat with vegetables. On Wednesdays, Fridays, and vigils, however, meat is excluded from the fare. During the meal, a brother reads aloud from some good book, and eats his dinner alone afterwards. When the thanksgiving after meat has been chanted the brethren retire to their cells for rest until two o'clock, at which hour the bell rings for Nones, a service resembling Sext and Terce. Afterwards work again, until four p.m., when 'recreation' is allowed. Vespers are sung at six. Te is served after Vespers; and in the interval between the refection and nine o'clock, the monks confess in turn to the Abbot, who praises or censures them, according to their desert. Occasionally the brother whose turn it is to arouse the faithful to Nocturns will oversleep himself; then is the whole day's programme upset, and the Abbot, by way of punishment will repeat all the monks of their 'recreation.' At nine Compline is said, and no one may address a word to another after the last service of the day is concluded.

Such is the life led by Joseph Leycester Lyne, a man who, if discreetly guided in youth, might have shaped for himself a career more beneficial to humanity than as Abbott of Llanthony. All the acts of his life denote dogged perseverance and an indomitable spirit; and it is difficult to conceive how such an enthusiast could have failed in any useful profession he might have adopted. But the chief characteristics of the man are his intense earnestness, and his profound belief in the usefulness of the life he has chosen. Only twice a year does he appear among men to give lectures and sermons, delivered in a style cleverly calculated to impress the masses. His addresses appeal less to the understanding than to the heart; and it is easy to conceive that his fervid eloquence would be more acceptable and more efficacious in the East end than in the Temple Church, for instance; more especially as his language, though often nervous, and occasionally humorous, is rarely polished, and his reasoning, though subtle, would rarely bear the test of a logical analysis. The service at Llanthony, which is conducted with much pomp and ceremony, it would be difficult for a layman to distinguish from the ritual of Rome. Candles, incense, vestments, are lavishly used; the elevation of the host is indulged in; the prayers and psalms are chanted in Latin; and auricular confession is a necessity. Yet Father Ignatius insists that the Llanthony Benedictines are members of the Church of England.

London, continues the father regretfully, 'used to afford us means of subsistence; devout people are scarcer now. Liverpool is the town on which we depend for much support; Brighton is also favourable to our order. Late, within the last few months, the advice of the moderate supply coming forward by the direct steamers has given more confidence to the native dealers to operate. The business of the fortnight has been to a pretty fair extent in both kinds of new drug, whilst the favorable advices from the Coast ports regarding Benares have tended to stiffen the rate for this drug latterly. The present quotation for New Patna is the same as that last given, \$590, and that for Benares \$590.

Though the present quotation for Old Patna is same as last given, \$590, but a few chests have been taken since the last report.

The receipts for the month, so far, show an aggregate of 3,198 chests, against 2,950 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the fortnight come 650 chests have been taken by the local consumers against 550 chests at the corresponding fortnight last year. This, with the exportations, leaves a stock computed at 1,250 chests, against a similar quantity same time last year, of which kind the present stock comprises 263 chests.

MESSRS HEINEMANN & CO'S FREIGHT CIRCULAR FOR THE MAIL OF SATURDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1877.

The business transacted in the Freight market during the past fortnight has been unusually small specially taking into account the number of vessels open for employment. Freight rates are even worse than quoted in last Circular, there is still but little demand for tonnage either homewards or coastwise, and a large number of vessels have consequently left the port "seeking."

Homewards, the only settlements reported are for New York at extremely low rates, and though more tonnage is wanted to load for that port, no disposition is shown to pay higher freights. Business is therefore at a standstill, as Masters, not inclined to accept present rates, are waiting for some improvement, which cannot be expected very speedily. From the Philippines there is no inquiry whatever, and tonnage seems to be plentiful everywhere.

Coastwise, demand is very slack, only a few vessels having been taken for the Northern Ports at declining rates. For the Southern Rice Ports there is little doing, a few charters having been effected from Bangkok to this, but for Saigon there is no demand for either ships or steamers, on account of the scarcity of rice, and freights are quite nominal.

The British bark *Wales Castle*, 625 tons, left for Tientsin with her original cargo from Singapore, and the British ship *Saracen*, 1,400 tons, after repairing damages, proceeded on her voyage to Shanghai.

The following vessels cleared from the Port "seeking" or under orders from home:

French bark *Auguste*, 864 tons, for Anjer.

Italian bark *F. Starace*, 494 tons, for Chefoo.

American bark *Charles W. Cochrane*, 1,105 tons, for Baker's Island.

American ship *Leading Wind*, 1,208 tons, for Baker's Island.

American ship *Springfield*, 1,043 tons, for Portland, Oregon.

British bark *Benchitha*, 970 tons, for Portland, Oregon.

British bark *Emily Chaplin*, 733 tons, for Portland, Oregon.

British ship *Star of the North*, 662 tons, for Vancouver's Island.

Dutch bark *Sourabaya*, 463 tons, for Batavia.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 60 vessels, registering 38,311 tons.

The following are the settlements:

British bark *Aberlady*, 736, hence to New York, private.

British bark *Grasmere*, 698, hence to New York, private.

British bark *Winlow*, 456, hence to Melbourne and Sydney, private.

French bark *Charles Maureau*, 368, Whampoa to Tientsin, and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 37 cents per picul, 35 day.

German bark *Formosa*, 282, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 38 cents per picul, 32 day.

British bark *Echo*, 369, Whampoa to Chefoo and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 23 cents per picul, 28 day.

German bark *Gustav Adolf*, 272, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 25 day.

Dutch bark *Deutschland*, 260, Newchwang to Hongkong, 19 cents per picul, 25 day.

French bark *Charles Maureau*, 368, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 37 cents per picul, 35 day.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 4415.—AUGUST 24, 1877.]

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Mails.

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship HINDOSTAN, Captain ROSEKELL, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 25th August, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 13, 1877.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and touching
at YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CHINA will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 30th Instant, 1877, at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsu Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 20th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelopes the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Fraya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 13, 1877.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 8th September, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 7th Proximo. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight on Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1877.

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INSURANCES.

SHENG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK ACEHONG, Merchant.
PANG YIM, Merchant.
Ho Sam, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.
Looy Yee, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.
Lee Sing, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.
CHUNG SING YOUNG, Merchant.
CHOY CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on BUILDINGS and on Goods stored thereat at CURRENT RATES, subject to a DISCOUNT of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

INSURANCES.

HAMBURG-MAGDEBURG FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF HAMBURG.

THIS Company is now Prepared to Issue Policies against LOSS or DAMAGE by FIRE at Current Rates. Every Risk taken by this Company is participated in by Three of the largest German Fire Insurance Companies, representing an aggregate Capital and Surplus of over SIXTY MILLION MARKS, equal to FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, thus enabling this Company to accept large lines.

SANDER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 26, 1877.

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THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—Tael Two Million, in 1,000 shares of Tael 2,000 each.

PAID UP CAPITAL—Tael Six Hundred Thousand, or Tael 600 per share.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

F. H. Bell, Esq. (Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co.)
M. S. Gubay, Esq. (Messrs David Sassoon, Sons & Co.)

JAMES Hart, Esq. (Messrs Turner & Co.)

E. H. Lavers, Esq. (Messrs Gilman & Co.)

Hugh Sutherland, Esq. (Messrs John Forster & Co.)

A. G. Wood, Esq. (Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Secretary—HERBERT S. MOONIS, Esq.

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At the principal ports in the East and Australian Colonies.

NOTICE.

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THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY. (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits of association, Two Thirds as a return to Contributors (being Shareholders), in proportion to the Premium paid or influenced by them.

A revision of the Share List will take place at the end of every three years, and for this purpose power will be given to the Directors by the Deed of Settlement to withdraw at the before-mentioned periods all or any of the Shares held by Shareholders who have not contributed Premium or whose contributions during the preceding three years have not been in proportion to the number of Shares held.

Shareholders retiring from the Company in pursuance of the above regulation, will be notified at least three months prior to the date fixed for any such revision of the Share List, and will have the option of disposing of their Shares in either of the following ways:—

They will be at liberty at any time after receipt of notice of withdrawal, and prior to the date of revision, to sell their Shares to any person approved by the Company and accepted as the transferred; or

Upon surrendering their scrip certificate for cancellation at the time of such revision, and pursuant to notice, will receive a return of the Capital paid up thereon; and so soon after as the financial position of the Company up to the date of the revision can be ascertained and the accounts adjusted, they shall also receive a pro-rata share of the Reserve Fund, if any accumulated, together with such proportion of the unappropriated profits as may be found due to them.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Applications for Shares in the undermentioned form will be received at the offices of the Company, from residents in China and Japan, until the 30th September; from London and distant ports until 31st October next.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Provisional Committee of the NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

Gentlemen,

..... hereby request that you

will allot to Shares in the

above Company, and, agree to

accept such Shares, or any less number

you may allot to ; and,

agree to pay the first call of £1,600 per

Share, and all subsequent calls, and to

subscribe the Deed of Settlement when

required to do so.

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Forms of application for Shares can be obtained at the Head-office, or by application to the Agents of the Company.

Shanghai, June 18, 1877.

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THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY.

PAN-LIMITED.

CAPITAL TAELS 400,000, EQUAL TO

\$555,555 160.

Directors.

LEE SING, of the Lai Hing Firm.

CHAN SHUNG LAI, of the Lai Yuen Firm.

WONG YEE FUN, of the Chun Cheong, Wing

Hong.

FONG SOON FUNG, of the Tung Sang Wo

Hong.

WONG PAI CHONG, of the San Tye Lee

Hong.

PUT PONG, of the Wy Sing Firm.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on

BUILDINGS and on Goods stored

thereat at CURRENT RATES, subject to

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Office, 48, Bonham Strand.

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Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

A GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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THE NORTHSIDE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods in Mafateha, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1,000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1871.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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